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**BOLTON
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**Saturday, 3rd March 1979
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**First Division
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Lee-pen.)			

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	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1936-37:	42	22	13	7	107	61	57
1967-68:	42	26	6	10	86	43	58

RUNNERS-UP

	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1903-04:	34	19	6	9	71	45	44
1920-21:	42	24	6	12	70	50	54
1976-77:	42	21	14	7	60	34	56

SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1898-99:	34	23	6	5	92	35	52
1902-03:	34	25	4	5	95	29	54
1909-10:	38	23	8	7	81	40	54
1927-28:	42	25	9	8	100	45	59
1946-47:	42	26	10	6	78	35	62
1965-66:	42	22	15	5	76	44	59

RUNNERS-UP

	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1895-96:	30	21	4	5	63	38	46
1950-51:	42	19	14	9	89	61	52

F.A. CUP WINNERS

1903-04:	CITY	1	Bolton Wanderers	0
	(Meredith)			
1933-34:	CITY	2	Portsmouth	1
	(Tilson 2)		(Rutherford)	
1955-56:	CITY	3	Birmingham	1
	(Hayes, Dyson, Johnstone)		(Kinsey)	
1968-69:	CITY	1	Leicester City	0
	(Young)			

FINALISTS

1925-26:	CITY	0	Bolton Wanderers	1
			(Jack)	
1932-33:	CITY	0	Everton	3
			(Stein, Dunn, Dean)	
1954-55:	CITY	1	Newcastle United	3
	(Johnstone)		(Milburn, Mitchell, Hannah)	

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

1969-70:	CITY	2	West Bromwich Albion	1
	(Doyle, Pardoe)		(Astle)	
1975-76:	CITY	2	Newcastle United	1
	(Barnes, Tueart)		(Gowling)	

FINALISTS

1973-74:	CITY	1	Wolves	2
	(Bell)		(Hibbitt, Richards)	

F.A. CHARITY SHIELD WINNERS

1937:	CITY	2	Sunderland	0
	(Herd, Doherty)			
1968:	CITY	6	West Bromwich Albion	1
	(Lee 2, Owen 2, Young, Lovett o/g)		(Kryzwicki)	
1972:	CITY	1	Aston Villa	0
	(Lee-pen)			

FINALISTS

1934:	CITY	0	Arsenal	4
			(Birkett, Marshall, Drake, Bastin)	
1956:	CITY	0	Manchester United	1
			(Viollet)	
1969:	CITY	1	Leeds United	2
	(Bell)		(Charlton, Gray E.)	
1973:	CITY	0	Burnley	1
			(Waldron)	

1977-78: CENTRAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



COVER CAPTION

A narrow scrape for Manchester United in the 98th 'Derby' meeting at Maine Road on Feb 10th. All eyes are transfixed on the shot from Peter Barnes as it swirls just wide of the far post. It's an effort that had the players gasping and the fans on the edge of their seats. The captivated participants are the Blues Brian Kidd, Barnes and, in the background Mike Channon. The Reds guardians are Brian Greenhoff, Gordon McQueen and goalkeeper Gary Bailey.

SQUEEZED OUT!

A ding-dong mid-air duel during the Manchester 'derby' game at Maine Road. And it's City's Colin Bell muffled down below his leaping team-mate Joe Corrigan and United's challenging Sammy McIlroy. Colin got crushed out of the action as 'keeper Joe fisted the ball away from McIlroy's head. It was also a day when the Blues felt the squeeze . . . they lost the 98th Manchester meeting by a 0-3 margin.

Courtesy Daily Mirror





POWER SHOOTING

Courtesy Sunday Express

Above: This left-foot drive was despatched goalward by Paul Power during the F.A. Cup fourth round tie at Shrewsbury. But it failed to produce a goal for the Blues at Gay Meadow and they made an exit from the competition with a 0-2 defeat. Making a vain attempt to cut out the danger is the home team's Steve Biggins.



Courtesy Sunday Mirror

Below: A cracking left-foot shot from Paul Power, well advanced from his left back role, gave City a flying start in the home League game against Chelsea. He slammed the drive into the net in the eighth minute after Asa Hartford flicked a brilliant pass into his path. Despite this brisk opening the Londoners fought back to spring a 2-3 shock defeat on City.





Two England under-21 internationals in a face-to-face. On the ball is Bolton's Peter Reid and watching him every inch of the way is City's Gary Owen. It's an incident from the League meeting between the teams at Burnden Park last October . . . and it almost had an unhappy finish for the City star. Peter hit the deck as he tried to burst his way past his tight-marking opponent and referee George Courtney of County Durham, had no hesitation in awarding a free kick against the Blues and giving a stern lecture to Gary. But the last laugh went to Gary—he slipped home the 69th minute shot that brought the final equaliser, his fifth goal in three games (three of them from the penalty spot).

GARY GETS TO GRIPS

Striking for goal is Bolton marksman Alan Gowling. But the terrier tactics of Gary Owen, trying hard here to get to grips, ensured it wasn't an easy ride for the home attacker. A lot of credit was due to the City midfielder for putting Alan out of his usual dangerous stride. When he did connect for a left-foot shot it proved no gilt-edged opportunity and brought no reward. But Alan's dividend came later in the first half, a slick 37th minute glancing header that wiped out the lead which had been secured for City by Roger Palmer in the 13th minute. Frank Worthington edged the home team ahead only three minutes after the interval and for a long time it looked as if City were on their way to the second away defeat of the season. It was when Gary really did get to grips with a shot in the 69th minute that City were safe with a point in the pocket from a 2-2 finish.

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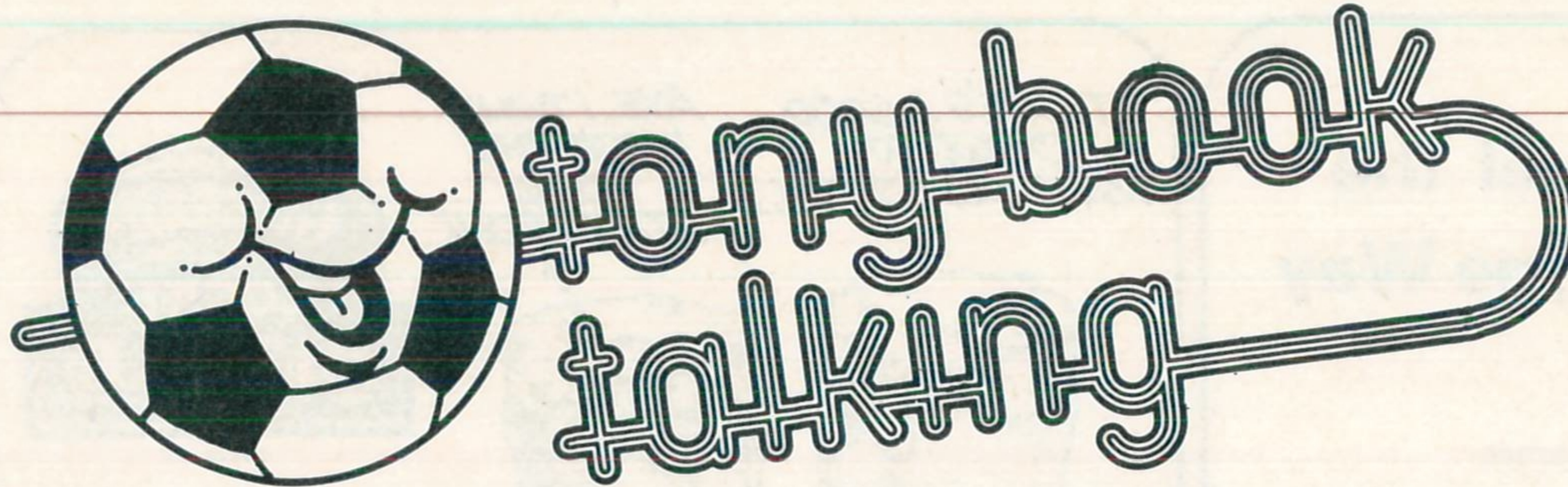
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After all that happened to us in the previous four months, last Saturday was really one to savour. Excellent team-work was the backbone of a deserved 3-0 League victory at Coventry, our second 'double' success of the season; enthusiastic, adventurous and skilful play were the foundations for the 5-0 win by the reserves at home to Newcastle; and gutsy talent from the juniors, who included six schoolboys in the line-up, earned a 1-1 home result against a Manchester United 'A' side that had two players of senior experience—Irish international Chris McGrath and Tom Sloan.

Following so quickly after the magnificent performance earlier in the week of the youth side in winning at Crystal Palace in the Youth Cup fourth round, thus dismissing the holders of the prize for the past two years, it was the kind of week that was a tonic to everyone at Maine Road. My hope now is that those kind of periods come along more consistently and perhaps we are well on the way to repairing the unbelievable damage to confidence caused in the mid-winter period.

It was a delight to go into the office last Monday and pick up all the reports.

Although we lost Colin Bell and Dave Watson during the week through injuries the formation fielded at Coventry looked a winning combination. At all times the lads played incisive football and the organisation in midfield and defence was just too much for our hosts to counter.

The return of Colin Viljoen for his seventh League game since being signed last August from Ipswich gave a depth of experience that counted for a lot. There was every indication that we have at last got Colin fully fit after the difficult time he has had with injuries this season.

He's not been on the treatment table for a full month and the benefit of being able to regularly join in the training sessions had been revealing itself. In a recent reserve game at Coventry he was most impressive and was clearly pushing his claim for

inclusion in the senior side and indicating that he's got his problems behind him.

When Colin is like this he's a great asset to have in the squad. But until this last period we have never had him fit; there have always been niggling strains and knocks to prevent him meeting the full training schedule. He has been more acutely aware of upsets because he's had such a traumatic time with these injuries, the most serious costing him almost two years of his career when he was at Ipswich.

Ability has never been in question and when he arrived at Maine Road there was no injury risk involved. He just had an unfortunate start in being incapacitated with an ankle injury back in August, which he received while playing during a loan period at Q.P.R., and that was later aggravated and finally took a long time to clear up.

Colin needed to come through a lot of training and a couple of full games, and the running work he has been able to do with the rest of the squad at Wythenshawe Park—a regular feature of our training schedule—has brought back the fitness, sharpness and appetite to play. He knows that in this condition he can command a first team place.

I was disappointed to read the newspaper comments from Kazimierz Deyna, whom we signed from Legia Warsaw after many technical difficulties. Kaziu was quoted as saying he felt he should have a position in the team, something we have not been able to offer him—in fact, he's only had four appearances in the League (one as substitute) and three matches in Cup competitions.

I have had talks with Kaziu this week about his situation. Again, we are not questioning his skill and I hope that the outcome of our friendly discussions is that he will stay at City. It wouldn't take a blind man to see that the major adjustment which Kaziu had had to make is to the pace of the English game, and this has not come easily.

While the side has been struggling for points it has not been possible to continually accommodate his

style. He is a 'free' role type of player, which can be a devastating-plus when things are going well for the team. But I maintain that in our present plight it has been difficult to fit him in and allow him time to make the adjustment. I'm sure there will be better days ahead for Kaziu if he has the patience to stay.

It is awkward for him, Not only the language barrier and being so far away from his Polish home, but he has come from a background rich in honours and acclaim. A skipper of the Polish World Cup Team and a key member of his Legia side for many years. To step down from those peaks demands a lot of tolerance and understanding on his part as well as ours. If he had been contributing vitally there is no way he would have been out of the side—after all, we've wanted men in form to pull us through the rough patch which, in the First Division anyway, has been going on since our earlier victory over Coventry, at Maine Road on October 14th.

There were many good aspects of the performance at Coventry, apart from it being an all-round team effort. Asa Hartford distinguished himself in midfield, and this was really the first time that our chief coach, Malcolm Allison, had seen Asa at his best.

It had been an irony that since Malcolm's arrival in January, the two players who had been outstanding in the first half of the season—our 'keeper, Joe Corrigan, and Asa—had not attained those splendid levels under the new arrangement. Well, Asa really did his stuff and Big Joe was back to his best at Coventry after a few quiet games for the club and to see more players getting back their hunger for the fight and realising close to their maximum is bound to bring a vast improvement in results.

Our problem has been that too many players have been out of touch at the same time.

Our raiding wingers, Mike Channon and Peter Barnes, also caused the Coventry defence innumerable headaches. And Mike capped his display with two goals, the second time this season that he's done such a double.

We have a hectic time ahead of us, and it could be an exciting one. Next Wednesday night we entertain Borussia Mönchengladbach in the U.E.F.A. Cup quarter-final tie, the second leg being on Tuesday, March 20th, in West Germany.

Last week-end Glyn Pardoe, our junior coach, went to Mönchengladbach to watch our opponents, thought the information he gleaned was limited because the conditions for the match made it impossible to make an accurate assessment. Glyn reported that their friendly was played on three inches of snow and it restricted the Germans showing the full range of their ability.

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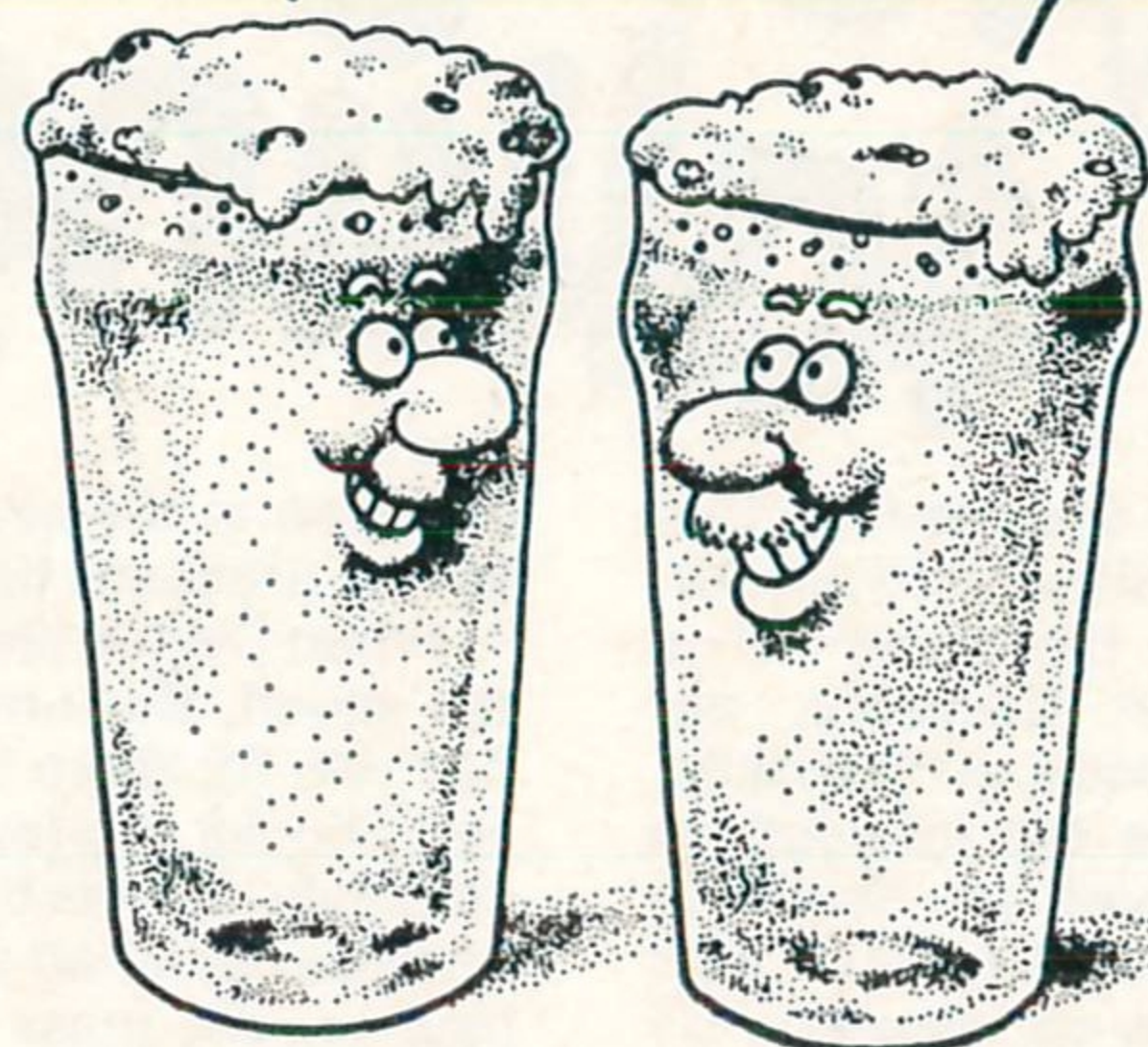
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Bolton Wanderer's return to the First Division has not been the stuff of fairy tales. In fact, the opening weeks of Bolton's season saw a near-disastrous return of only 10 points from 17 games, with a single point being gained in 7 away games.

With Bolton at that time teetering on the brink of the relegation zone a dismal New Year seemed in prospect.

Having won the Second Division championship to earn a return to the top-flight, manager **Ian Greaves** seemed to have every right to be optimistic of a healthy and successful return to premier class. If Forest had done well from third position the previous year, Bolton surely were well-equipped to do as well if not better. Or were they?

Forest the previous season had bought expensively to strengthen key positions. Indeed Bolton's fellow-promoted clubs Southampton and Tottenham, have this season strengthened their squads in vital position. Spurs have added Lacy, Ardiles, and Villa for close on £1,500,000; Southampton have made 5 key changes to their promotion team, including the signings of Charlie George, Terry Curran and Yugoslav defender Ivan Golac.

Club Record

Significantly Bolton have this season made only one major signing—**Neil McNab** for a club record fee of £250,000 from Tottenham, to strengthen the midfield. To a large extent this lack of transfer activity accounts for their early problems. Of the three promoted clubs, last week-end Southampton were 8th, Tottenham 11th. But Bolton still only 17th.

Bolton have one of the smallest team squads in the Division, only 14 fully-fledged players, plus the three teenagers yet to establish themselves, **Mike Graham**, **Chris Thompson** and **David Burke**. Their slender resources mean that any injury is a big headache for manager Greaves.

Worst hit so far this season has been **Peter Reid**, a vital cog in the Bolton midfield. He has been denied, through injury in an abandoned Christmas match against Everton, the First Division experience this season that many feel would have taken him close to full international class. He is now out for the rest of this term and will be difficult to replace.

Their poor early-season form was characterised by a dangerously porous defence. The back four is the same which won promotion, with that old warhorse **Tony Dunne** on the left, **Peter Nicholson** on the right and **Mickey Walsh**, **Roy Greaves** or **Sam Allardyce** providing the central partnership in

front of the ever-present **Jim McDonough** in goal. At times this season they've looked uncertain against the sharper attacks of the Division, conceding 3 goals four times and 4 goals on three occasions. All away from home.

However, following the uncertain beginnings to the season Bolton have enjoyed a modest run collecting 10 points from 7 games since late November. To some extent the long enforced rest periods between games caused by the freeze gave time for any injuries to mend—the hectic two game-a-week period to come could prove a severe test for the Burnden Park club.

One of the clubs greatest assets is the First Division's leading scorer **Frank Worthington**. Since his transfer from Leicester he has regained much of his old form. This season he has already scored four

TODAY'S VISITORS



Bolton Wanderers

By **IAN WHITE**
of Granada T.V's Kick-off

more than in the whole of last season. This season when Worthington has an off-day, so do Bolton; when Worthington scores they nearly always win.

Whilst **Alan Gowling** has been turning in good performances, he has only scored eight goals so far and many believe the out-of-favour Whatmore should return up front to increase the firepower.

The inclusion of young Burke last week in midfield and especially his goal, may be hopeful pointers to the future in the absence of Reid. The promising **Brian Smith** is also challenging for one of the midfield positions.

'Veteran' **Willie Morgan** continues to turn in reliable performances on the wing each week yet he may soon be fighting for his place if Greaves latest transfer attempt comes off. **Tadeusz Nowak**, the Polish winger, capable of a goal every other game, could provide the extra goalpower the team needs if the deal goes through as hoped.

Since their run of improved League form since late November there is a greater air of optimism at the club. The vital team strengthening is at last underway and the club seem to be regaining the spirit that carried them from the depths of the Third back into the First Division.

Manager Greaves came in at the ground floor then as part of **Jimmy Armfield's** rebuilding programme.

The Wanderers have taken a leaf out of City's book in forming the Junior Whites, with a steadily increasing membership of young supporters.

However, with 19 games due in the next 10 weeks Bolton cannot afford to hit another bad run. Hopefully for the North West they have already turned the corner for survival.



WILLIE MORGAN

Bolton's 'veteran' winger continues to turn in reliable performances.

Spent all Wednesday morning on **February 14th** studying and discussing City's half-yearly accounts to the end of November. We like to get some audited figures half-way through the financial year, if only to confirm that our forecast cash flows and budgets are reasonably accurate . . . though football is the hardest business in which to forecast future cash incomes, because of things like Cup runs and the other uncertainties.

Went at night to Barrow to speak to the local team of under-15's and answer questions. Not the easiest of jobs when your club is in a bad spell. But nevertheless it was quite interesting.

On **February 19th** I was at Preston Masonic Hall as guest speaker at the Lancashire Combination Sportsmen's dinner. It was organised by **David Murgatroyd**, from Lytham, and presided over by **Jim Halliwell** from Leyland. The other speaker was **Tom Finney**, the former England winger whom I found most interesting—his main theme being that there is no substitute for skill and players are born not made.

New League

Another guest was **Gordon Graham**, who is now secretary-designate of the new Alliance Premier League. This is a new League starting next season that will be directly below the Football League and contain all the country's top non-league sides. This is, of course, the fruition of many years work by a lot of people in the non-league game. I think, with teams like Wigan and Wimbledon doing so well this season, no-one can dispute the claims of non-league clubs to have the chance of Football League status. The ultimate object is to have a pyramid of football which would make it possible for any club with ability and ambition to climb through Leagues, even as far as the First Division.

It was Board Meeting day at Maine Road on Tuesday, **February 20th**, and a sad one for us all. We had our first meeting since the death of an esteemed colleague, director **John Humphreys**.

Still, we had to get down to the job and the events continued along usual lines. Our close-season plans were finalised and more and more work is to be done on the stadium at Maine Road. We shall continue the policy of improving our facilities all the time. In fact, stadium improvements are now becoming an all-the-year round affair. Work on new seats, catering facilities, toilet improvements etc., will continue at an even increased rate. We shall also instal a completely new tannoy system inside the ground. I do receive many letters about ground improvements and I will continue to welcome any suggestion you may care to send in.

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Peter Swales doesn't get many spare moments in his dual role as chairman of Manchester City and a F.A. Councillor—football duties which take him all round the country attending meet-

ings and functions. Each season the City chief makes private notes of his soccer activities and this season he has permitted us an insight into the hectic work that's involved in a sporting interest that most people would think, on the face of it, is only a 'hobby'. Mr Swales enjoys the 'hobby' and has total commitment to it. As those who follow his diary notes in the match magazine will have recognised long ago. Here are the latest pages from those notes.

On **February 22nd** I had a meeting at the ground with **Les Saul** and **Frank Horrocks** about the future of the Supporters' Club. Future events and policies were discussed as the parent club continues its close association with the senior officials like Les and Frank, who represent the Executive Committee. May I take this opportunity of thanking everyone connected with the Supporters' Club, who have been great during the bad spell of results. The conditions and atmosphere under which we work together never alters. Win, lose or draw.

A welcome two points at Coventry on **February 24th**, and at last a break in the weather after enduring what had been the worst winter for football that I can remember. Two familiar faces missing at Coventry were managing director **Jimmy Hill** and director **Joe Mercer**, who everyone will remember was once the boss at Maine Road. Perhaps Joe was out looking for a million-pound player!

Coventry are a well-organised club without having the gate potential of the really big City cubs. The most pleasant and biggest surprise of the day was the magnificent support that City had. It really was super. My estimate was between four to five thousand City Blues, and that in a total crowd of 20,000! Support like this after a bad run of results really is fantastic and makes everything worthwhile.

A super night in our Social Club on **February 25th** to honour **Colin Bell** in his testimonial year. The event was organised by the Supporters' Club and was an absolute full-house. Among those present were City stars **Joe Corrigan**, **Tommy Booth** and **Paul Power**, and those two favourite ex-City aces **Mike Summerbee** and **Francis Lee**. The main Cabaret star was comedian **Bernard Manning**, who was in his usual scintillating form. This was a real gala night and presentations were made to both Colin and his charming wife, **Marie**. I had to leave reasonably early to get an early start to London. But that's another story . . . to be continued.

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Walter, and his wife, Joan live in Cavelli Road, Salford with their two sons, James and Colin. The City flavour is very much in evidence in the house and the walls of Colin's room are covered with photographs of City star, Colin Bell—after whom Colin was named.

Spellbound

Nine year old James Livesey is a devoted Junior Blue and he was thrilled to meet "Uncle" Harry Godwin when the Livesey family arrived at Maine Road to receive their cheque. Harry is very active in the J.B. movement these days and he soon had James spellbound listening to his stories of footballers and famous matches.

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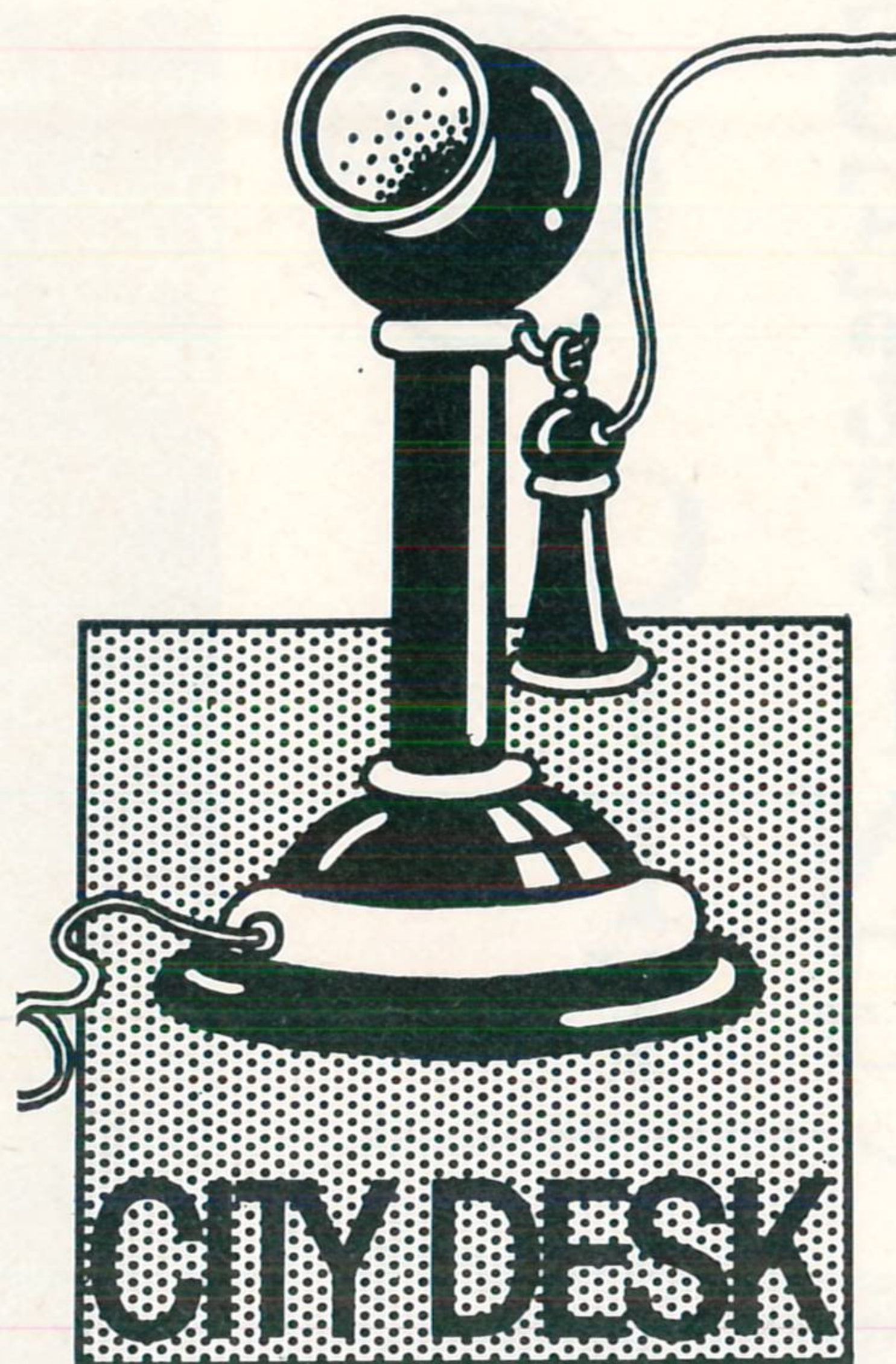
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Seats are now on open sale daily at the Ticket Office, which is also selling after tonight's League match against Norwich.

★ The club apologise for the inconveniences that have been felt by patrons who sit in Blocks 'O' and 'I'. This is particularly in relation to the bar facilities in that area. The disturbance has been caused by the extensive work done on the creation of a Sponsors Suite, which has now been completed. One bonus from the project which will be enjoyed by the seat holders is that an entirely new



bar has been constructed in the 'D' Block area and this is now open for trade.

★ A new public address system is to be installed inside the ground during the close season. City are already studying several schemes to bring about a major improvement on the existing facilities, and the go-ahead for work will be given in the summer.

★ City's youngsters could bring a lot of glory to Maine Road this season. Not only are they hot-footing after the F.A. Youth Cup prize after knocking out the holders Crystal Palace, in the fourth round, but they have also reached the semi-final stage of the Lancashire Youth Cup. They await the draw for the latter competition . . . but next week will know their home opponents in the fifth round of the F.A. Youth Cup when Aston Villa and Luton Town decide their overdue tie. The winners travel to Maine Road.

★ **Colin Bell's** long-awaited testimonial match, postponed earlier this season because of fixture commitments and then weather conditions, will be played before the end of the current campaign. But there is still a problem in finding a vacant mid-week date, especially now that all clubs have a fixture backlog to clear.

Colin's match is due to be a Manchester Combined XI, chosen from City and United, against a Mersey Select, made up of stars from Liverpool and Everton. A press announcement on the date will be made shortly.

This month Colin completes 13 years service as a City player, and few individuals have earned a testimonial occasion more worthily.

'DERBY' INQUEST

The morning after the 'derby' match against United Tony Book was quoted in the morning papers as saying 'We'll just have to forget about it and get back to the drawing board.'

This has been said far too often this season. It's about time something more serious was done about it. He doesn't have to face the 'mickey' we supporters do week in and week out. It was bad enough before the United match, but that result capped it all.

We will continue to give the Blues our wholehearted support. But let's see something more drastic done than we might get back our badly injured pride. **Stephen Maxwell, Crossfield Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.**

I was appalled to see so many City fans leaving the ground 20 minutes before the end of the 'derby' game against United. Although we were 0-3 down and everyone was disappointed it's not the kind of support that will boost the players confidence. Come on you so called City supporters, stay till the end and give the team some encouragement! **David Williams, Elmfield Road, Davenport, Stockport.**

TO BUY- OR NOT TO BUY

Soccer's ever-increasing transfer spiral has sent fees spinning dizzily to the £1m mark. Will it end there? Who knows.

But to make absolutely certain that the money is being spent correctly, clubs have to push players through stringent medical tests to determine whether they are making a wise investment.

In the case of **Barry Silkman**, the East London-born midfield man for whom Manchester City were ready to pay Third Division Plymouth Argyle a £100,000 fee recently, those tests revealed a knee complaint that forced the club to pull out of the deal at the last minute.

What sort of tests do players go through? How thorough is the "going over" they receive before the cheque is handed over?

Complex Exercise

To find answers to these complex questions about what goes on behind the scenes before a player is finally transferred, we asked one of the country's leading physiotherapists and a man who many times has conducted these tests, to give us an insight for Platform. He takes up the story:

"What is a professional footballer? A highly developed complex machine? A human being able to think and reason with emotion, sensitivity and feelings? A family man? A capital investment by his club? These are all an integral part of today's professional.

"This is why successful buying of players on the transfer market is such a complex exercise. The signing of a player can be the final piece in the jigsaw puzzle of success, the foundation stone of the club's future. Or the hidden rock on which the club could flounder and eventually sink.

"**Firstly**, management must be entirely satisfied

that the ability of the player will blend into the basic pattern and framework of play and that his present and potential ability is superior to existing and future prospects within the club.

"**Secondly**, the player's reasons for joining the new club are paramount. Basically he must want the club more than the club want him. Studies must be made of personality patterns, tolerance levels, competitive attitudes, willingness to accept discipline, his winning ways and aspiration levels.

"**Thirdly**, he must demonstrate an ability to re-adjust his domestic, personal and social life into his new environment, and show ability to integrate successfully with his future professional colleagues and club staff.

"**Finally**, he must pass a highly stringent, clinical physical and medical examination with regard to his present and future fitness. Procedural deficiencies within the Football League necessitates the purchaser to indulge in these procedures to protect their investment.

"There is no onus on the vendors to guarantee the player's health, and no money is returned if deficiencies are found after signing. Detailed examinations are made of all joints, bones and muscles, and these structures are X-rayed under stress conditions to reveal any abnormality. The cardio-vascular system is intensely investigated and cardiographs are taken.

"The digestive system is also investigated and all senses such as eyes, ears and nose are examined. Complex blood analysis is also undertaken, and when these factors are gathered together only then can an assessment of the player's health be done.

"The cost of these medical examinations to the lay-person would be in the region of £150. It may appear expensive, but it is a wise safeguard against poor investment when sums of one million pounds are being asked for players.

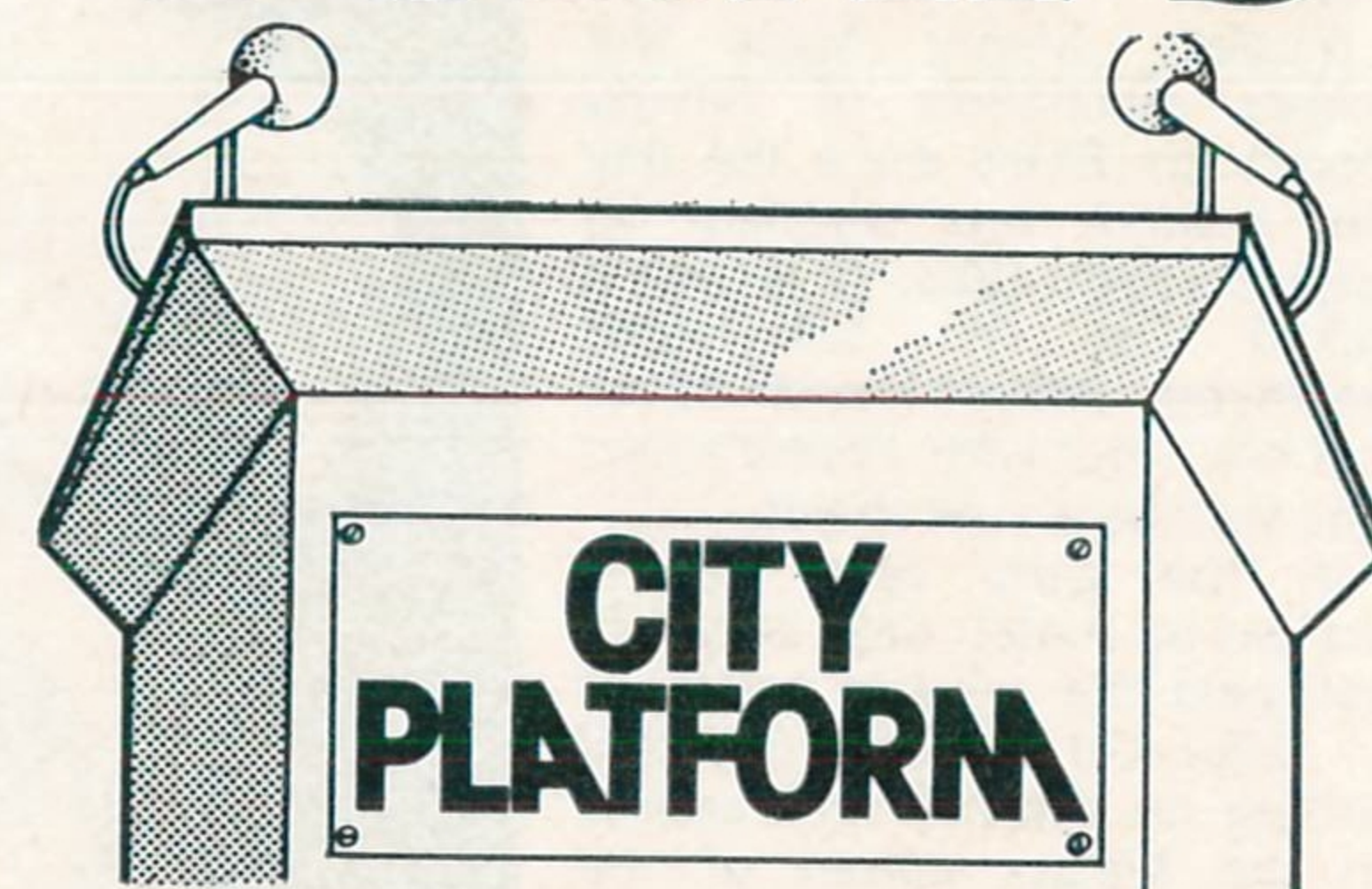
"Asa Hartford proved the wisdom of these investigations. Leeds United rejected this human dynamo because of a slight heart defect referred to as 'a hole in the heart'. In fact, this was so minimal that Asa had never been aware of it until it was brought to light by a cardiograph examination.

"Asa had not missed any football since becoming a professional because of it, and history dictated to the City medical men showed that at Asa's age this condition improves—as his consistent performances for Scotland and Manchester City have shown.

"Other examples show that a player must be rejected because of weaknesses found not previously known to him or his club.

"In the light of these complex situations, and placing the onus on yourself as football management, what would you do? Buy or not buy?

TODAY'S



DEBATE



Courtesy County Press, Wigan

ASA HARTFORD

... proved the wisdom of the soccer transfer investigation.

One of the most fascinating characters around Maine Road is **Jimmy Rouse**, the odd-job-man in the dressing room area.

Modest Jimmy holds the unique distinction of having served the Blues since the day the ground was opened on August, 25th 1923. It is not a record as a full time employee—**Albert Heath** claims that one—but with Jimmy's part time start he is well ahead.

In the early days Jimmy worked on match days only. He was paid the princely salary of 4/- (20p) and his duties included putting up the half-time scores on the Kippax corner of the ground.

"During the week I worked as a warehouseman so money was not the real incentive. What mattered most was that I was watching City and the 'few bob' was a bonus. I was the envy of my workmates", recalled Jimmy.

There were no electronic scoreboards or public address system in those days before the kick-off Jimmy had to parade round the ground carrying a board displaying the team changes. At half-time he had to sprint to the scoreboard with the results from other games.

"One thing I dreaded was City being drawn away in the F.A. Cup. When that happened I had to walk round the ground at the reserve team game humping my board with the latest score every quarter of an hour.

"There was no other way of letting the fans know. Public address systems were not invented, and there were no such things as transistor radios . . . in fact you were 'posh' if you had a crystal set!"

"The crowd took the mickey, but it was all in good fun. In this game you must retain a sense of humour. Although I ignored the remarks I was always glad when I had 'run the gauntlet' and I was back home in the dressing room area," smiled Jimmy.

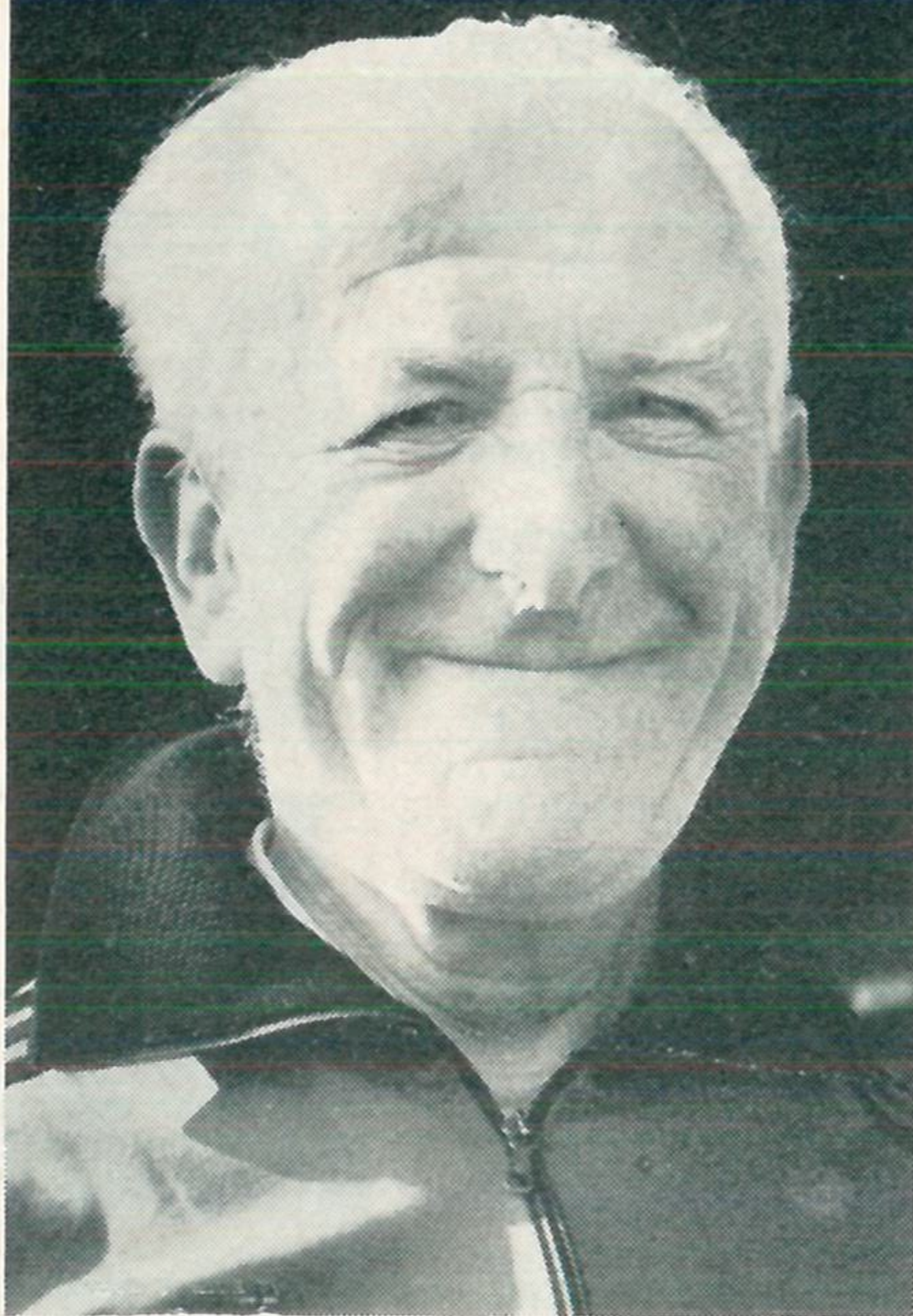
Away from the hustle and bustle of the Maine Road atmosphere it may come as something of a surprise to City's pop-loving players to learn that Jimmy's main hobby is serious music. He is a member of the Halle Society and he can be found at the Free Trade Hall once a fortnight avidly listening to his favourite orchestra.

His other relaxation is watching all sports on television, with the Wimbledon championships at the top of his list.

People often argue about the relative qualities of the many famous stars who have worn the sky blue shirt. And Jimmy is no exception. "There have been many great personalities in my time here. I even had the pleasure of seeing the legendary **Billy Meredith** play at 50 years of age.

Eric Brook, Freddie Tilson and **Sam Barkas** were outstanding. More recently,

JIMMY ROUSE



BEHIND CITY'S SCENES

Franny Lee and **Mike Summerbee**. And of course there is **Colin Bell**. Another big favourite of mine is **Joe Corrigan**. He is a great 'keeper and a really smashing person off the field.

"The task of choosing a particular favourite is difficult as predicting the weather. However, if you insist on me naming one player, it's got to be **Peter Doherty**. His electrifying dashes and deadly finishing plus all the other attributes that go to make a world-class player were all his," claimed Jimmy.

Jimmy, a bachelor, lives in Salford. The only break in his long service was during the last War when he served in the R.A.F. for four years.

There have been many delicate moments behind the scene witnessed by Jimmy, but with the tact and diplomacy that mark a faithful servant he is reluctant to relate any that might cause embarrassment.

But he did tell of a couple: "I well remember **Harry Curtis**, the former Brentford manager, storming back to the visitors dressing room after City had given them a 6-1 thrashing in the 4th round of the F.A. Cup. He nearly ripped the dressing room door off its hinges.

"Then there was the night when the fabulous wee **Hughie Gallagher** scored all four goals when Chelsea hammered us 4-1 at Maine Road. One of our frustrated fans made an uncomplimentary remark and Hughie bent down, scooped up a handful of mud and took aim. His aim was as much on target as his shots had been," laughed Jimmy.

Jimmy's soccer link with the Blues has passed the half century mark and he has never regretted a moment. "I wish I had it all to come again," he sighed.

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YOUR TIME:
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Saturday, March 3rd



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Junior Blues News



with an entrance fee of 20p for parents.

There will be a meeting for all Junior Blues members at the Social Club tomorrow, March 4th starting at 10-15 a.m. when several City personalities will be along to answer questions sign autographs. Admission is free for members

J.B. chairman **Roger Reade** recently spent some time with Nat to help in Bolton's preliminary arrangements, and by all accounts their inaugural meeting was a huge success.

With the establishment of Bolton's J.W.'s our own organisation can boast in assisting in the formation of at least ten other League clubs with similar organisation—including Brentford's "Junior Bees"; the "Junior Reds" of Crewe and Wrexham; the "Junior Lion Cubs" of Millwall and the "Fan Club" at Motherwell. Can't be bad!



also completed a circuit for Mr. Niven.

There were over 100 J.B.'s present and they were entertained with a quiz and three films. Malcolm spoke about his footballing career and after

Malcolm Allison and director **Ian Niven** visited the Tameside Junior Blues on Sunday, February 25th at their meeting at Ashton Town Hall. It was Malcolm's first visit to a provincial J.B. meeting and it

overcoming initial shyness the youngsters thoroughly quizzed him about his own playing ability.

Malcolm said there had been a fantastic change for the better at Maine Road in the six years since he had left. Facilities had improved, both for the fans and for the players.

He said that one of his early ambitions had been to encourage the younger element and he was delighted that this had been done in such a big way.

☆ City Supporters' Club organised a very enjoyable evening at the Social Club last Sunday in aid of **Colin Bell's** Testimonial. Accompanied by his wife, **Marie** on the eve of his 31st birthday, Colin was given a terrific reception when he went on stage to be presented with a silver rose bowl and a silver goblet. Marie was also presented with a silver goblet and an impressive bouquet.

City chairman **Peter Swales**, manager **Tony Book**, and Colin's former team mates **Francis Lee** and **Mike Summerbee** were among the many guests who paid tribute to the maestro.

Colin made some sort of history when he gave a short but sincere speech thanking the fans for their loyal support in his ten years at Maine Road.

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A TERRIFIC TRIO!

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The City superstars of the club's glory period got together at the Social Club last Sunday. Two of them, Franny Lee (on the left) and Mike Summerbee (on the right) were paying tribute to their former colleague Colin Bell who was the recipient of a silver rose bowl from the Supporters' Club to mark his service at City and to acknowledge his testimonial year.



THE BLUES OFF-DUTY



PETER GARDNER

of the

MANCHESTER EVENING

NEWS

calls on

ROGER PALMER

There's more than a touch of the Mike Channons about Roger Palmer. Not only is Manchester City's 20-year-old reserve striker treading the same goal-scoring paths the England forward . . . he's also been bitten by the racing bug.

"I love watching horses run, but I like backing them better," admits Palmer, who is one of the rapidly emerging batch of coloured footballers making their mark in the English game. "Not that I'm a compulsive gambler. I don't bet every day. Just when my fancy is tickled by a particular horse," Roger revealed.

"I follow Mickey Channon's tips quite a lot and the other day he gave me a nag that romped in at 14-1. I had £20 on, so, it ended up a handsome pay day for me. But when I recently backed Mickey's horse, Man on the Run, it went down."

Like Channon, Palmer is also a racecourse regular. Said Roger: "The Haydock course is handy, being just down the East Lancashire Road. I also travel further afield to places like York, Newbury and even Ascot. No, I don't go in top hat and tails. I'm not with the expensive racing folk. I stick with the punters on the popular side.

"I've also been asked whether I would like to own a horse of my own, just like Mickey. But there's too much involved. Too much expense. I'll just stick to putting my money on them with the bookmakers."

A football-playing batchelor like Roger inevitably has time on his hands outside the rigors of day-to-day training. So he is also a snooker addict. Perhaps that's why Pot Black also happens to be one of his favourite television programmes.

Roger also reveals a well kept secret . . . he was once a ball boy at Old Trafford. Even worse—he admits to being at one time a United fanatic: "That's all in the past," said Roger, adding: "I'm as true a blue as any Kippax Street supporter. Yet there was a time when the Reds were my favourite team. It was probably because I was invited to go down there by a school-master who got me fixed up as a ball boy, a job I had for three years or so.

"Best, Law, Charlton, Crerand, Stiles—they were all my idols, just like any other kid of that era. Even though I was brought up within a good throw-in of Maine Road and kicked a ball about in the streets that lead up to the City ground.

"There was perhaps a chance I might have gone to United, but chief scout at the time, Harry Godwin, stepped in first to offer me trials at Maine Road. I accepted and have never looked back since."

As a schoolboy marksman, Palmer formed a prolific scoring partnership with Peter Coyne, who did go to United before drifting out of the big-time

game. Roger recalled: "We played in the same Manchester boys side that won the English Schools Trophy, beating Oxford 2-1 at Maine Road and then drawing the away leg to clinch the trophy.

"I've always had this knack of being able to score goals and I think in all the seasons I have been with City I have been the club's leading scorer at any level. Now I'd like to get my chance in the First Division. I've had a brief taste of it already and it's very much to my liking.

"Recently an injury I picked up in training has kept me on the sidelines. But I'm raring to go once again and hope to be challenging for a senior place before the present season is over," he added.

An ace marksman with the City side that reached the F.A. Youth Cup quarter final three years ago, Palmer is now rooting for the new batch of boy Blues who are at the same stage of the national competition.

"I was delighted when they beat Crystal Palace in the fourth round. Palace, who had won the trophy for the last two years, hadn't been beaten in three seasons and before we put two past them on their own ground they hadn't conceded a goal this term. Now I just hope the City lads can go all the way and win the Youth Cup," he enthused.

Does being coloured pose any special problems? "Not from opponents. I think they have now come to accept that we are very much a part of the English League game. However, you do get remarks and abuse hurled at you from the terraces. You get used to it. It's a case of having to. If you let anything the fans say get on top of you, you might as well pack in the game altogether. And I certainly won't be doing that," he answered.

The Palmer family line-up . . . at their home in Sale, Cheshire. Roger is on the back row, of course, with his 18 year old girl friend, Sue, alongside. On the left of the "back row" are Roger's sisters, Pauline, aged 18 and Carol, aged 13. When the Palmer family get together you can see that it's quite a gathering—in the middle row (left to right) are brother Tony (16); mum, Lynn; and dad, Dick, as well as 17 year old Cynthia. And on the front line, looking remarkably attractive, are the youngest sisters Valerie, aged 8, and Marcia, who is 7.

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Date	Opponents	Res.	Pos.	Attend.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub.
1978																
Aug. 19	Derby County	1-1	—	26,489	Corrigan*	Clements	Donachie	Futcher (P)	Watson	Power	Channon	Keegan	Kidd1	Hartford	Barnes	Booth
Aug. 22	Arsenal	1-1	—	39,506	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Power*	Watson	Futcher (P)	Channon	Keegan	Kidd1	Hartford	Barnes	Bell
Aug. 26	Liverpool	1-4	18	46,710	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Power	Boothx	Futcher (P)	Channon	Keegan	Kidd1*	Hartford	Owen	Palmer
Aug. 29	Grimsby (LC2)	2-0	—	21,481	Corrigan	Clements	Power	Keegan	Booth	Futcher (P)	Channon	Owen	Futcher (R)"	Hartford	Palmer1*	Viljoen +
Sept. 2	Norwich City	1-1	15	18,607	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Power	Boothx	Futcher (P)	Channon1	Owen	Futcher (R)	Hartford*	Barnesx	Keegan
Sept. 9	Leeds United	3-0	15	40,125	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie*	Power	Watson1	Futcher (P)	Channon	Owen	Palmer2	Hartfordx	Barnes	Booth
Sept. 13	FC Twente	1-1	—	12,000	Corrigan	Clements	Power	Viljoenx	Watson1	Futcher (P)	Channonx	Owen*x	Palmer	Hartford	Barnes	Booth
UEFA 1—1st leg																
Sept. 16	Chelsea	4-1	7	28,980	Corrigan	Donachie	Power	Viljoen	Watson	Futcher (P)	Channon1	Owen	Futcher (R)3*	Hartford	Barnes"	Henry +
Sept. 23	Tottenham	2-0	4	43,471	Corrigan*	Clements	Donachie	Viljoen	Watson	Futcher (P)	Channon	Owen1	Futcher (R)1	Hartford	Power	Booth
Sept. 27	FC Twente	3-2	—	29,330	Corrigan	Clements	Power	Viljoen"	Watson	Futcher (P)	Channon	Owen*	Kidd1	Hartford	Barnes	Bell1 +
UEFA 1—2nd leg City won 4-3 on agg																
Sept. 30	Manchester United	0-1	10	55,317	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Power	Watson*	Futcher (P)x	Channon	Owen	Kidd	Hartford	Barnes	Palmer
Oct. 4	Blackpool (LC3)	1-1	—	18,886	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Booth	Watson	Power	Channon1	Owenx	Kidd	Hartford*	Barnes"	Palmer
Oct. 7	Birmingham City	2-1	7	18,378	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Booth	Watson	Kidd1	Channon	Owen	Futcher (R)1	Hartford	Barnes°*	Henry +
Oct. 10	Blackpool	3-0	—	26,213	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Booth1	Watson	Kidd	Palmer	Owen2	Futcher (R)x	Hartford	Barnes*	Bell
(LC3 Replay)																
Oct. 14	Coventry City	2-0	5	36,723	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Booth	Watson	Kidd	Palmer	Owen (2pen)	Futcher (R)	Hartfordx	Barnes*	Bell
Oct. 18	Standard Liege	4-0	—	27,487	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Booth	Watson	Viljoen°	Palmer1	Bell	Kidd2 (1 pen)	Hartford1	Barnes*	Keegan +
UEFA 2—1st leg																
Oct. 21	Bolton Wanderers	2-2	5	32,249	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Booth	Watson	Viljoen	Palmer1°	Owen1	Kidd	Hartford*	Barnes	Futcher (R) +
Oct. 28	West Bromwich A.	2-2	5	40,521	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Viljoen°	Boothx	Futcher (P)	Channon1*	Owen	Kidd	Hartford1	Palmer	Futcher (R) +
Nov. 1	Standard Liege	0-2	—	25,000	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Boothx	Watson*	Owenß	Channon	Bell	Kidd	Hartford	Palmer	
UEFA 2—2nd leg City won 4-2 on agg																
Nov. 4	Aston Villa	1-1	6	32,724	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Viljoen	Booth	Futcher (P)	Channon	Owen1 pen*	Kidd	Hartford	Palmer	Futcher (R)
Nov. 8	Norwich City (LC 4)	3-1	—	19,413	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Booth	Watson	Viljoen°	Channon2*	Owen	Kidd	Hartford	Barnes1	Futcher (P) +
Nov. 11	Derby County	1-2	7	37,376	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Boothx	Watson	Owen1 pen	Channon*	Bell	Kidd	Hartford	Barnes	Palmer
Nov. 18	Liverpool	0-1	10	47,765	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Boothx	Watsonx	Owen	Channon°	Palmer	Kidd	Hartford*	Barnes	Futcher (R) +
Nov. 23	A.C. Milan	2-2	—	40,000	Corrigan	Clements	Donachie	Booth	Watson*	Power1	Viljoen°	Bell	Kidd1	Hartford	Palmer	Keegan +
UEFA 3—1st leg																
Nov. 26	Ipswich Town	1-2	12	38,527	Corrigan	Clements°	Donachie	Booth	Watson	Power	Owen	Deyna	Kidd	Hartford1*	Barnes	Palmer +
Dec. 6	A.C. Milan	3-0	—	38,026	Corrigan	Keeganx	Donachie	Booth1	Watson	Power	Channon	Viljoen	Kidd1	Hartford1*	Barnes	
UEFA 3—2nd leg City won 5-2 on agg																
Dec. 9	Southampton	1-2	14	33,450	Corrigan	Keegan	Donachie	Booth	Watson	Power1	Channon	Viljoen	Kidd°	Hartford*	Barnes	Owen +
Dec. 13	Southampton (LC 5)	1-2	—	21,523	Corrigan*	Donachie"	Powerx	Booth	Watsonx	Owen	Channon	Bell	Kidd	Hartford*	Barnes	Barnes +
Dec. 16	Queens' Park R.	1-2	15	12,902	Corrigan	Futcher (P)	Donachie	Booth	Watson	Power	Channon1	Owenx	Deyna"	Hartford*	Barnes	Futcher (R) +
Dec. 23	Nottingham Forest	0-0	14	37,012	Corrigan	Ranson	Donachie	Power	Watson	Futcher (P)*	Channon	Owen	Futcher (R)	Hartford	Barnes	Viljoen
Dec. 26	Everton	0-1	15	46,996	Corrigan	Ranson	Donachie	Power	Watson	Futcher (P)*x	Channon	Owen	Futcher (R)	Hartford°	Barnes	Palmer +
Dec. 30	Bristol City	1-1	15	25,253	Corrigan	Ranson	Donachie	Power	Watson*	Futcher (P)	Channon	Owen	Futcher (R)1	Hartford	Barnes	Palmer +
Jan. 13	Leeds Utd	1-1	13	36,303	Corrigan	Ranson	Donachie	Powerx	Watson°	Futcher (P)x	Channon	Owen	Futcher (R)	Hartford*	Barnes	Deyna
Jan. 15	Rotherham (FAC 3)	0-0	—	26,029	Corrigan	Ranson	Donachie	Power	Bell	Futcher (P)*	Channon	Kidd	Futcher (R)	Hartford	Barnes	Kidd1
Jan. 17	Rotherham Utd. (FAC 3 replay)	4-2	—	13,758	MacRae	Donachie	Power	Owen1	Watson	Futcher (P)	Channon	Deyna	Kidd2*	Hartford	Barnes1	Futcher (R)
Jan. 20	Chelsea	2-3	15	31,876	Corrigan	Donachie	Power*1	Owen	Booth°	Futcher (P)	Channon	Deyna	Kidd	Hartford	Barnes	Futcher (R)1 +
Jan. 27	Shrewsbury T. (FAC 4)	0-2	—	14,215	Corrigan*	Donachie	Power	Owen	Watson	Futcher (P)	Channon	Deyna"	Kiddx	Hartford	Barnes	Bell +
Feb. 3	Tottenham Hotspur	3-0	12	32,037	Corrigan	Donachie	Powerx	Owen	Watson°	Futcher (P)	Channon1	Bell*	Kidd1 pen	Hartford	Barnes1	Deyna +
Feb. 10	Manchester United	0-3	15	46,151	Corrigan	Donachie*	Power	Owen	Watson	Futcher (P)	Channon	Bell	Kidd	Hartfordx	Barnes	Futcher (R)
Feb. 24	Coventry City	3-0	15	20,116	Corrigan	Donachie	Power	Owen	Booth	Futcher (P)	Channon2	Viljoen	Kidd1x	Hartford*x	Barnes	Futcher (R)
Feb. 27	Norwich City	2-2	14	29,852	Corrigan	Donachie	Power	Owen2 (1pen)*	Booth	Futcher (P)	Channon	Viljoen	Kidd	Hartford	Barnes	Futcher (R)
Mar. 3	Bolton Wanderers	H														
Mar. 7	Borussia M.G.															
(UEFA 4—1st leg)																
Mar. 10	West Bromwich A (6)															
Mar. 17	Aston Villa (LCF)	H														
Mar. 20	Borussia M.G.															
(UEFA 4—2nd leg)																
Mar. 24	Arsenal	A														
Mar. 27	Wolverhampton W	A														
Mar. 31	Ipswich Town (SF)	A														
April 7	Wolverhampton W	H														
April 11	Nottingham Forest	A														
April 14	Everton	H														
April 17	Middlesbrough	A														
April 21	Queens' Park R.	H														
Apr. 24	Middlesbrough	H														
April 28	Southampton	A														
May 1	Birmingham	H														
May 5	Bristol City	H														

Moore (Grimsby) own goal 29.8.78
 Wildschut (FC Twente) own goal 27.9.78
 Nicholl (Southampton) own goal 12.12.78

NEXT HOME GAME
Wednesday, March 7th
U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter Final — First leg
v Borussia Mönchengladbach
(West Germany)
Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

Facts and Figures from the First Division

	Home						Away						Average Home League Attend.	Average Home League Attend. Last Season	Top League Scorer
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Liverpool	26	12	1	0	35	3	7	2	3	23	7	41	46,712	45,695	Dalglish 14
Arsenal	27	8	5	2	26	13	6	3	3	19	10	36	37,623	35,433	Stapleton 12
Everton	27	9	4	1	22	8	4	6	3	15	15	36	38,947	39,498	King 10
Leeds United	28	7	2	4	26	13	6	7	2	25	20	35	27,909	29,290	Hawley 10
West Brom. Albion	24	6	3	2	24	10	8	3	2	25	14	34	28,210	23,986	Brown (A) 12
Nottingham Forest	23	5	6	0	13	6	5	5	2	14	9	31	30,276	32,456	Robertson, Birtles 8
Bristol City	29	7	4	3	24	14	3	4	8	10	21	28	22,514	23,494	Ritchie 8
Southampton	27	7	5	2	24	12	2	4	7	8	20	27	21,637	21,105	Holmes 6
Manchester United	25	5	4	4	17	19	5	3	4	19	23	27	49,416	51,860	Jimmy Greenhoff 10
Coventry City	26	7	4	2	23	18	3	3	7	10	25	27	23,192	23,275	Wallace 8
Tottenham Hotspur	27	5	3	5	12	20	4	6	4	17	23	27	39,791	33,417	Lee, Taylor 8
Aston Villa	23	2	6	2	12	12	5	5	3	16	9	25	33,963	35,241	Gregory 7
Norwich City	26	5	7	2	20	13	0	7	4	16	28	25	18,856	19,956	Ryan 9
CITY	27	3	3	6	18	21	4	6	4	20	14	24	38,540	41,691	Owen 8
Ipswich Town	26	6	2	6	21	16	4	2	6	13	18	24	21,315	23,673	Mariner 12
Derby County	25	6	4	3	19	17	2	2	8	10	27	22	22,979	23,731	Daly 9
Bolton Wanderers	24	6	3	3	21	14	1	3	8	10	28	20	23,751	20,982	Worthington 15
Wolves	26	6	2	5	14	18	2	1	10	11	28	19	20,407	22,315	Daniel 4
Middlesbrough	25	4	3	4	18	13	2	3	9	14	23	18	18,309	19,886	Burns 9
Q.P.R.	26	3	7	6	16	23	1	3	6	8	15	18	17,688	19,953	Gillard, Harkouk, Eastoe 3
Chelsea	26	2	2	8	13	26	2	4	8	16	30	14	24,809	27,652	Langley 8
Birmingham	26	3	3	6	15	17	0	1	13	7	26	10	23,298	23,884	Buckley, Givens 5

Up to and including Tuesday, February 27th.

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Reserve Reports



Saturday, December 9th
Bury 2... CITY Res. 4

Kaziu Deyna gave an impressive display and capped it with two goals—his first scoring contribution as a City player. He opened the scoring in the 6th minute and added his second in the 70th minute from the penalty spot.

In between **Ron Futcher** bravely headed in City's second goal in the 15th minute and in the process got a boot in the ear and needed 13 stitches in the gash. Dave Bennett came on as substitute.

Hamstead (30 mins) and Scott (35 mins) put Bury on level terms but **Colin Bell** restored City's lead in the 37th minute before Deyna netted his second goal.

Team: MacRae; Ranson, Reid; Paul Futcher, Bradley, Coughlin; Deyna (2), Bell (1), Ron Futcher* (1) (sub: Bennett*), Palmer, Henry.

Saturday, December 16th
CITY Res. 4... Burnley Res. 1

City fought back from a goal down, scored by MacGregor in the third minute, to race into a 3-1 interval lead in a game marred by the sending off of Brian Kidd at the start of the second-half.

Dave Bennett equalised for the Blues in the fifth minute and two minutes later Kidd put City in front with a powerful header. On the stroke of half-time **Nick Reid** blasted home a scorching 20 yard drive to increase the lead.

Down to ten men after Kidd's dismissal City went further ahead when Bennett scored his second goal in the 57th minute.

Team: MacRae; Keegan, Reid (1), Coughlin, Bennett (2), Caton; Henry, Bell, Kidd (1), Viljoen, Palmer, Sub: McGinn.

Saturday, January 27th, 1979
CITY 0... Blackpool 2

Blackpool turned out their first team and the Blues did well to contain them in the first half. It was during this spell that City carved out their only clear-cut chance.

Dave Bennett got in a powerful header from a free-kick by Colin Viljoen, but Blackpool 'keeper Hesford finger-tipped the ball for a corner.

In the second-half the more experienced Seasiders took control and Gary Jones—their recent signing from Bolton—put them ahead in the 50th minute. The visitors increased their margin in the 70th minute with a goal from Kellow.

Team: MacRae; Ranson, Reid; Coughlin, Bradley, Caton; Henry, Keegan, Buckley* (sub: McGinn*), Viljoen, Bennett.

Tuesday, February 13th, 1979
Coventry City Res 0... CITY Res. 2

City turned on a class display to completely dominate a game watched by **Tony Book** and **Malcolm Allison**, who saw plenty to admire from youngsters Tommy Caton and Nick Reid.

Ron Futcher put the Blues ahead in the 2nd minute when he ran on to a through ball from Colin Viljoen and neatly glided it home. Futcher increased the lead in the 63rd minute after a shot from Dave Bennett was parried by the home 'keeper. Futcher, following up, stabbed the ball home.

Tony Henry had the ball in the Coventry net on three occasions only to be ruled offside. although one, a 20 yard lob over the 'keeper looked a perfect goal.

Team: MacRae; Ranson, Reid; Coughlin, Booth, Caton; Henry, Bradley, Futcher (R)(2), Viljoen, Bennett* (sub: Buckley*).

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RESERVE REPORTS—Continued from page 19

Saturday, February 24th, 1979
CITY RES. 5 ... Newcastle Utd. Res. 0

City cruised to a convincing victory with a competent all-round team performance showing strength in defence and opportunism in attack.

Tony Henry opened the flood-gates with a goal in the 15th minute following a fine through ball from Ray Ranson, and **Gary Buckley** increased the lead in the 40th minute.

A neat burst of individual skill from **Kaziu Deyna** ended with the third goal in the 55th minute. He beat two men and rounded the 'keeper to slot the ball home.

Henry scored his second goal in the 65th minute, and **Dave Bennett** completed the rout in the 76th minute.

Team: MacRae; Ranson, Bradley; Coughlin, Moss, McGinn; Henry (2), Deyna (1), Buckley (1), Palmer, Bennett (1). Sub: Price.

Junior Line-ups

Saturday, February 24th, 1979
CITY 'A' 1 ... Manchester Utd. 'A' 1

Team: Alex Williams; Tony Hough, Richard Cunningham; Gary Fitzgerald, Mark Leigh, Kevin Glendon; Mel McClure, Shaun O'Shea, Chris Wilson (1), Steve Kinsey, Phil Wright. Sub: Peter Adams.

Central League Appearances

	Pld	Sub	Gl
Keith MacRae	24	—	—
Ray Ranson	20	—	—
Nick Reid	19	—	1
Tommy Caton	19	—	—
Noel Bradley	15	1	—
Russell Coughlin	22	1	1
Dave Bennett	21	1	11
Colin Bell	15	—	5
Mike Price	6	—	—
Tony Henry	21	—	5
Gary Buckley	13	1	2
Ron Futch	9	—	8
Paul Futch	8	—	—
Tommy Booth	6	—	—
Roger Palmer	7	—	2
Gary Felix	5	—	1
Colin Viljoen	7	—	—
Kevin Stevens	2	—	—
Gary Owen	1	—	—
Dave Moss	2	—	—
Kevin Glendon	1	3	—
Ross McGinn	3	2	—
Mike Barnes	—	1	—
Kaziu Deyna	3	—	3
Transferred			
Ged Keegan	14	—	1

(to Oldham Athletic 2.2.79)

Up to and including Saturday, February 24th.

**YOUTH CUP
HEROES**

F.A. Youth Cup—2nd round
Monday, December 11th 1978

Oldham Ath. Youth 0 ... CITY YOUTH 1

Team: Alex Williams; Gary Fitzgerald, Richard Cunningham; Nick Reid, Tommy Caton, Ross McGinn; Chris Gregory, Steve Kinsey, Chris Wilson, Gary Buckley, Kevin Glendon. Sub: Mel McClure. Scorer: Andy Duda own goal.

Monday, January 22nd 1979

F.A. Youth Cup (3rd Round)
Newcastle Utd. Youth 0 ... CITY YOUTH 0

The Blues back-four were in fine form in the first half when the Geordies, strengthened by two first teamers, were in control, Nick Reid was particularly outstanding.

It was a complete reversal in the second-half with City calling the tune and being unlucky not to earn a passage into the next round.

Team: Alex Williams; Gary Fitzgerald, Richard Cunningham; Nick Reid, Tommy Caton, Ross McGinn; Chris Gregory* (sub: Mel McClure*), Steve Kinsey, Chris Wilson, Gary Buckley, Kevin Glendon.

F.A. Youth Cup (3rd round replay)

Monday, February 5th

CITY YOUTH 3 ... Newcastle Utd Youth 0

Team: Alex Williams; Gary Fitzgerald, Richard Cunningham; Nick Reid, Tommy Caton, Ross McGinn; Gary Buckley, Mel McClure (1), Chris Wilson (2), Steve Kinsey, Kevin Glendon. Sub: Chris Gregory.

Central League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Liverpool	29	21	4	4	64	23	46
Manchester United	23	14	6	3	48	22	34
Stoke City	24	13	6	5	41	31	32
West Bromwich Albion	26	12	7	7	47	30	31
CITY	24	13	5	6	41	26	31
Nottingham Forest	23	12	4	7	48	30	28
Wolverhampton Wanderers	23	9	8	6	40	24	26
Leeds United	25	7	11	7	27	28	25
Coventry City	25	10	5	10	46	50	25
Everton	25	10	5	10	24	28	25
Aston Villa	22	10	4	8	38	27	24
Derby County	24	9	6	9	41	37	24
Burnley	25	10	4	11	25	30	24
Newcastle United	24	9	6	9	32	38	24
Sheffield United	24	9	5	10	35	40	23
Bolton Wanderers	22	7	6	9	31	42	20
Blackburn Rovers	24	4	9	11	30	44	17
Huddersfield Town	22	5	6	11	26	39	16
Sheffield Wednesday	21	6	3	12	33	44	15
Blackpool	21	6	3	12	22	35	15
Bury	23	3	3	17	30	63	9
Preston North End	23	2	4	17	26	64	8

Up to and including Saturday, 24th February.



Courtesy Sunday People

GARY BUCKLEY

... scorer of a spectacular opening goal for City Youth in the 4th round against Crystal Palace.

Tuesday, February 20th, 1979

F.A. Youth Cup (4th round)
Crystal Palace Youth 1 ... CITY YOUTH 2

City's young slickers dented London's pride when they knocked out Palace, winners of the F.A. Youth Cup for the last two seasons. It's nearly three years since Palace last tasted defeat in the competition, and they had not conceded a goal in any competition this season.

City dominated the game and **Gary Buckley** scored a spectacular opening goal in the 20th minute. **Kevin Glendon** floated a tantalising high cross into a crowded goalmouth and in one movement Buckley turned and blasted the ball into the net from an acute angle.

Buckley also created the opening for **Steve Kinsey** to increase City's lead a minute after half-time. He split the Palace defence with a superb pass and Kinsey made no mistake with a powerful right-foot drive.

Palace took advantage of some indecision in City's defence to reduce the arrears with a goal from Tony Paul in the 70th minute. City now meet the winners of the Aston Villa—Luton tie in the next round and with home advantage must feel optimistic about their prospects.

Team: Alex Williams; Gary Fitzgerald, Richard Cunningham; Nick Reid, Tommy Caton, Ross McGinn; Gary Buckley (1), Mel McClure, Chris Wilson, Steve Kinsey (1), Kevin Glendon. Sub: Phil Wright.

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(away)**

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**v Chelsea
(Home)**

City winger

It's a sprint start through the Chelsea defence.



**v Southampton
(Home)**

Peter Barnes

Pace is the problem facing Yugoslavian full back Ivan Golac.



Saturday, March 10th, 1979

v West Bromwich Albion (First Division) Kick-off: 3 p.m.
at The Hawthorns, West Bromwich, West Midlands
Stadium capacity: 38,000 (12,500 seated) **B71 4LF**

Seats are available by post, priced 200p (Wing Stand) and 250p (Centre Stand). There are also some unreserved seats at pitch level available on the day of the match, priced 150p.

Standing: Standing spectators are advised to go to the Smethwick End, which is partly covered and enter by Block M where admission is 100p with no half prices.

Parking: Coaches will find adequate parking in Halfords Lane, near the ground. Street parking is permitted in certain areas, all within 10 minutes walking distance of the ground.

Other Info: Match programmes are priced at 20p. There is post-match entertainment in the Supporters' Club adjoining the ground. First class facilities are at The Hawthorns, Throstle Club alongside the ground, offering a full-course lunch. Snack bars are inside the ground and several restaurants are within walking distance of the stadium. A club souvenir shop is sited in the Pools Office in Halfords Lane. Buses 72, 74, 75 and 79 go to the ground from outside Birmingham New Street Station and a special bus service from the centre of West Bromwich operates to the ground every three minutes on match days.

City Strip: City will wear their all-change strip of white shirts with red and black diagonal sash, black shorts and stockings, all with Umbro diamond trim.

Saturday, March 24th, 1979

v Arsenal (League) Kick-off: 3-00 p.m.
Arsenal Stadium, Highbury, London N5.

Seat tickets are available from Arsenal and will shortly be on sale from the Maine Road ticket office. They are priced as follows: East and West Stand Upper Tiers (Centre)—300p; (Next Centre)—250p; (Wing Stand)—200p; (Lower Tier)—150p. There is an enclosure for schoolchildren running alongside the pitch, priced at 50p.

Where to Stand: City spectators are advised to stand at the Clock End (South Terrace) where admission is 100p.

Where to Park: Coaches are advised to go to the Drayton Park area which is five minutes walk from the ground.

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GOING TO GERMANY?

TUESDAY, MARCH 20th, 1979

v Borussia Mönchengladbach

U.E.F.A. CUP—Quarter Final (second leg)

The Travel Club are organising three separate types of trip to Mönchengladbach for the return leg of the U.E.F.A. Cup on Tuesday, March 20th.

TWO-DAY TRIP BY AIR: PRICE £130

(including match ticket: £15)

Tuesday, March 20th: Depart Ringway 10-25 a.m.
Arrive Dusseldorf 11-45 a.m.
Bed and breakfast in Hotel.

Wednesday, March 21st: Depart Dusseldorf 1635
Arrive Ringway 1755.

COACH TOURS

Tour 'A'—FOUR DAY TRIP BY COACH AND BOAT.
PRICE £85

Monday, March 19th: Depart from Manchester for Hull at 1-00 p.m. by coach. Crossing at 6-00 p.m. to Rotterdam. Dinner on board. Overnight accommodation in couchettes (4-berth bunks in cabins).

Tuesday, March 20th: Breakfast on board before departing by coach to Gladbach. Arrive early afternoon, giving time to look around and check into Hotel. Depart by coach in time for match, then return to Hotel for overnight stay.

Parking is allowed in the adjacent streets under the control of the police.

Other Info: The Arsenal Underground Station is on the Piccadilly Line and is one-minuter walking distance from the Highbury Stadium. Finsbury Park, available on either Piccadilly Line and is one-minute walking distance from the Highbury Stadium. Finsbury Park, available on either routes to Highbury are 4a, 19, 106 141a, and 236.

The restaurant in the West Stand is not open to the general public on match days—it is for ticket holders in the West Stand Upper Tier. The East Stand restaurant is open on match days only for ticket holders in the East Stand Upper Tier. Reservations for both restaurants can be made by telephoning 01-226 4968. There are also numerous refreshment bars situated around the ground which are open on match days. Programmes are priced at 20p, and they can be obtained on subscription.

City Strip: City will play in their usual strip of sky blue shirts shorts and stockings with white diamond Umbro trim.

Wednesday, March 21st: After breakfast depart for Rotterdam and the ferry sailing at 6-00 p.m. Dining and couchette accommodation on board.

Thursday, March 22nd: Breakfast on board before joining the coach for the return journey to Manchester. Arrive home approximately 1-00 p.m.

Cost includes:- All transport by coach. Ferry charges on North Sea Ferries. 2 breakfasts and 2 evening meals on board. Accommodation in couchettes on board. Bed and breakfast in Hotel. **MATCH TICKET.**

TOUR 'B'—THREE DAY TRIP BY COACH AND BOAT:
PRICE £65

Monday, March 19th: Depart from Manchester at 6-00 p.m. for Dover. Crossing at 3-20 a.m. to Ostend.

Tuesday, March 20th: Arrive in Ostend at 7-00 a.m. Coach to Hotel, afternoon free. Coach to match and return to Hotel for overnight accommodation.

Wednesday, March 21st: After breakfast coach transfer to Ostend for ferry at 2-10 p.m. crossing to Dover. Arrives in Manchester at approximately midnight.

Cost includes:- All coach transport. All ferry crossing charges. Bed and Continental breakfast in Hotel. **MATCH TICKET** and Insurance.

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, PLEASE BOOK EARLY AT THE TRAVEL CLUB—MAINE ROAD WHICH IS OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 12-00 TO 6-00 p.m.

Here are price arrangements for the next away games that City face in the First Division:

	Charter Coach Trains	
Saturday, March 10th WEST BROM	250p	—
Saturday, March 24th ARSENAL	500p	*
Saturday, March 31st IPSWICH TOWN	550p	650p

* Special reserved seats on Inter-City. Limited tickets available at 700p.

Where charter trains are not operating British Railways sponsored trains will run and details, as well as tickets, will be available at the Travel Club.

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B	BRISTOL CITY MANCHESTER UNITED	—	H	SOUTHAMPTON ARSENAL	—	R	NOTTS COUNTY LUTON TOWN	—
C	CHELSEA LIVERPOOL	—	I	SPURS DERBY COUNTY	—	S	OLDHAM ATHLETIC SHEFFIELD UNITED	—
D	COVENTRY CITY W.B.A.	—	K	WOLVES MIDDLESBROUGH	—	T	ORIENT BRISTOL ROVERS	—
E	EVERTON Q.P.R.	—	L	BLACKBURN ROVERS CAMBRIDGE UNITED	—	U	PRESTON N.E. FULHAM	—
F	IPSWICH TOWN NOTTINGHAM FOREST	—	M	BRIGHTON & HOVE A. BURNLEY	—	V	STOKE CITY WEST HAM UNITED	—
			N	CRYSTAL PALACE WREXHAM	—	W	CHESTER OXFORD UNITED	—
			O	LEICESTER CITY CARDIFF CITY	—	X	MANSFIELD TOWN BLACKPOOL	—
			P	MILLWALL SUNDERLAND	—	Y	BOLTON WDRS. RES. CITY RES.	—



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IAN GREAVES

When Jimmy Armfield left to take the Leeds job it was his right-hand man, Ian Greaves, who stepped into the Burnden Park vacancy. That was on October 7th, 1974 and after a couple of agonising seasons just missing out on promotion he led Wanderers to the Second Division championship last season. His previous managerial experience was at Huddersfield where he stayed from 1968 to 1974. Started in soccer as a defender with Manchester United, appearing at right back in the League team. After eight years at Old Trafford he left in 1960 to have one season with Lincoln City, then two years with Oldham Athletic. From there he went into non-league with Altrincham.

Referee: **JOSEPH WORRALL**
of Warrington

Started refereeing as a 19 year old and graduated via the Warrington and district, then the Cheshire League, to the Football League list.

On the line in a F.A. Cup quarter-final and in the second leg of the European Champions Club Cup semi-final, both games in '76. In '77 he was in charge of the F.A. Challenge Vase Final.

Married, with two sons, he is a works accountant.

Linesmen: Red flag —

G. M. McMANUS
(Connah's Quay, Deeside)

Orange flag —
T. W. STONES (Stafford)

Bolton Wanderers

White shirts, navy blue shorts, white stockings.

1. JIM McDONAGH

England Youth cap in '71. Began as apprentice at Rotherham, signing full pro' in '70-71. After a loan spell with Manchester Utd, never playing in the first team he was loaned to Bolton. Bought him for £10,000 in Sept '76.

2. PETER NICHOLSON

Never reached the first team when he started at Carlisle, but after signing for Blackpool made his debut in Sept '70 against Newport in the League Cup. Joined Bolton in June '71 for £7,000. Debut at Oldham in Aug '71.

3. TONY DUNNE

Is 38 this July. From Dublin he began at St. Finbar's Youth Club and then signed for Shelbourne. Bought by Manchester Utd in Apr '60 for £5,000. League baptism at Burnley in Oct '60.

4. ROY GREAVES Captain

Signed as a pro' in Jan '65 and earlier this month completed his 450th League appearance for the club. Made his first team bow in '65-66. From Farnworth he's approaching his 32nd birthday.

5. PAUL JONES

Has been a member of the full England squad as well as the under-23's. Warrington born, he signed full-time for Bolton in June '70 and had his first League game against Sheffield Utd in Jan '71. Now aged 25.

6. MIKE WALSH

Introduced to the senior team as sub in Feb '75 at Nottingham Forest. Manchester born, he has been with the club from school, signing pro' in July '74. Now aged 22, he's been an ever-present this season.

7. WILLIE MORGAN

Free transfer signing in Mar '76 from Burnley and came on as sub at Plymouth for his first Bolton game, also that month. A Glaswegian he went to Burnley from school. Sold to Manchester Utd for £117,000 in '68.

8. DAVID BURKE

Played for England Youth team against Italy last Wednesday in The Little World Cup qualifier in Rome. From Winsford in Cheshire he featured in the pre-season games and made his first team debut in the League Cup.

9. ALAN GOWLING

Signed from Newcastle on Mar 9th last year for a Bolton record payment at the time of £120,000. From Stockport he appeared for Cheshire Boys and England Schools. Read economics at Manchester University.

10. FRANK WORTHINGTON

Current top First Division scorer with 17 goals who began on loan from Leicester before his £90,000 transfer in Oct '77. Capped seven times for England and has two under-23 honours. Began as a junior at Huddersfield.

11. NEIL McNAB

Cost a club record £250,000 from Spurs last Oct 31st having his first Bolton game on Nov 4th against Coventry. Had a Scottish League debut for Morton as a 15 year old. Joined Spurs in Feb '74.

Sub:

1. JOE CORRIGAN

Approaching the 10th anniversary of his call-up to the first team—his debut was at Ipswich on Mar 11th, '69. One of the three members of this line-up who were dumped 0-3 out of the League Cup in Oct '71 at Burnden

2. WILLIE DONACHIE

Has missed only three League games since mid-April '76, his career total before today being 321 League matches—four of them as sub. Has settled into the right back role in the last seven games.

3. PAUL POWER

Knee ligaments injury sustained at Blackpool in the League Cup just over a fortnight earlier in Oct caused him to miss the first meeting between the clubs this season. So this will be his first outing against the Trotters.

4. COLIN VILJOEN

It was his first League game back in the first team at Bolton on Oct 21st after recurring ankle trouble had kept him out of action. Although he's only had limited appearances only been on the losing side once in 13 matches.

5. TOMMY BOOTH

Another of the survivors from the Oct '71 League Cup defeat at Bolton when a Gary Jones hat-trick blitzed the Blues. Gave a commanding display at the centre of the defence at Coventry last Saturday.

6. PAUL FUTCHER

Has appeared six times in the League against Bolton in the previous three seasons—but then as a Luton player, and in the Second Division. Only once did he emerge on the winning side.

7. MIKE CHANNON

It was the second time this season he had scored a 'double' when he smacked two past Coventry last Saturday to contribute vitally towards the 3-0 away win. Absent from the meeting at Bolton due to a hamstring injury

8. GARY OWEN

Saved a point for the Blues in the match at Burnden Park on Oct 21st when he netted a 60 minute equaliser to make the score 2-2. Been back in the first team since his return at Rotherham in the F.A. Cup replay in Jan.

9. BRIAN KIDD

The goal he notched at Coventry last Saturday in the 3-0 win taking his total in all competitions to 14. It puts him on the way to being City's leading marksman for the third season in succession.

10. ASA HARTFORD Captain

Stormed back to form last Saturday with a key display in the win at Coventry, marred only by a booking he received. That was the 10th time he'd taken our man-of-the-match honours this term.

11. PETER BARNES

Was the provider for the first goal which launched City on the victory trail at Coventry laying on the 35th minute cross which Mike Channon side-footed home.

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